

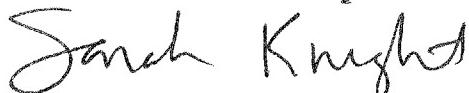
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The applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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